

To whom it may concern,

It has been clear for some time that Sinclair Broadcasting has been less than "fair and balanced" in their use of the public airwaves. The decision to force their stations to air an extremely partisan documentary days before a major election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I agree with the following statement: "Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter."

This is one more example of why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely,
Richard Ciotti.